

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 4-7 and 20 have been amended. Thus, claims 1-21 are now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The specification and abstract have been carefully reviewed and revised to correct grammatical and idiomatic errors in order to aid the Examiner in further consideration of the application. The amendments to the specification and abstract are incorporated in the attached substitute specification and abstract. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and Abstract by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Initially, the Examiner's indication in items 3 and 4 on page 2 of the Office Action that claims 1-19 are allowed and that claims 20 and 21 would be allowable if written to overcome the claim objection presented in item 2, is acknowledged and appreciated.

Thus, the claims have been revised to delete the extraneous "0" between claims 20 and 21. In addition, a few minor grammatical corrections have been made to the claims to improve their U.S. form, but these revisions do not change the scope of the claims. In addition, it is noted that the original claim 1 recited that the sputtering device was "constituted of at least a substrate, a substrate holder for holding said substrate, ...". However, the substrate (element 8 in the drawing figures) is obviously not itself a part of the sputtering device, but is rather the object on which the sputtering device acts. As such, the claims are somewhat inaccurate in reciting that the sputtering device is constituted of "at least a substrate." Therefore, the claims have been revised to recite that the sputtering device is "constituted of a substrate holder for holding a substrate ...", in order to render the claims accurate. It is submitted to be apparent that this minor revision to the claim does not negatively affect the patentability of the claims, since the substrate holder (element 6 in the drawings) is recited in the claims.

Next, with reference to item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, a replacement formal drawing sheet for Fig. 2 is submitted herewith under separate cover letter, in order to provide a

replacement Fig. 2 that does not include the reference character 45. Approval and entry of this replacement drawing sheet is respectfully requested. With the entry of this replacement drawing sheet for Fig. 2, it is submitted that the drawing objection presented in item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action is obviated.

In view of the above revisions, it is submitted that the application is now clearly in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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